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Information and communication technologies for development

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 12th and 32nd meetings, on 19 October and 23 November 2005. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/60/SR.12 and 32). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 3 to 5 October (see A/C.2/60/SR.2-7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295 (A/60/323);

(b) Letter dated 5 July 2005 from the representative of Jamaica to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Doha Declaration and Doha Plan of Action adopted by the Second South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Doha from 12 to 16 June 2005 (A/60/111).

4. At the 12th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and a representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (see A/C.2/60/SR.12).

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5. At the same meeting, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (ibid.).

II. Consideration of proposals

6. At its 32nd meeting, on 23 November, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/323) on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295 (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/323) on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295.